RULES, ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS, OF THE VESTRY

Of the PARISH of

SAINT JAMES, Weſtminſter,

To be obſerved in the Diſpoſal of PEWS, and Places in PEWS, in the Pariſh Church of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint James:*

And alſo relating to the Office of CHURCH-WARDEN of the ſaid Pariſh, and to the Time and Manner of paſſing the CHURCH-WARDENS Accounts.

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St. Mary Lambeth,

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Parish of *Saint James, Westminster*,

To be observed in the Disposal of Pews, and Places in Pews, in the Parish Church of the said Parish of *St. James*.

THAT the present Possessors of Gallery-Pews, in this Parish Church, for Term of Life, shall be at Liberty, upon Request made to the Vestry, to exchange their respective Pews, for any other Gallery-Pews that are, I.

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or ſhall hereafter become vacant, being of the ſame, or of a higher Value, on paying the Difference, if there be any, of the Gallery-Pews to be ſo exchanged: **Provided nevertheleſs**, that in making ſuch Exchanges, the Claim of every Poſſeſſor be allowed in Order, according to Priority of Poſſeſſion.

II. That all Perſons who do, or ſhall hold any of the ſaid Gallery-Pews at yearly Rents, ſhall reſpectively be at Liberty, upon Requeſt made to the Veſtry, to exchange the ſame for any other of the ſaid Gallery-Pews, which now are, or ſhall hereafter become vacant: **Provided nevertheleſs**, that in making any ſuch Exchanges, Preference ſhall be given to ſuch Perſons as are, or ſhall be prior Renters of any of the ſaid Gallery Pews.

III. That any Perſon who does, or ſhall hold any whole Pew in the Body of this Pariſh Church below Stairs, either for Term of Life, or by the Year, ſhall be at Liberty, upon Requeſt to the Veſtry, to exchange the ſame for any other Pew below

below Stairs, which now is, or ſhall hereafter become vacant, at the eſtabliſhed Price or Rent thereof; **Provided nevertheleſs**, that in making any ſuch Exchange, Preference ſhall be given to ſuch Perſons as are, or ſhall be the oldeſt Poſſeſſors of ſuch Pews below Stairs.

IV. That in caſe any Perſon of Quality or Diſtinction, who does, or ſhall hold any of the ſaid Pews below Stairs, ſhall requeſt this Veſtry to permit him or her to exchange ſuch Pew for One Gallery-Pew, or for a ſet of Gallery-Pews, at the eſtabliſhed Rent thereof; that then ſuch Perſon ſhall be at Liberty to exchange his or her Pew below Stairs, for any Gallery-Pew, or Set of Pews, that ſhall happen to be vacant, and ſhall not be accepted by any prior Poſſeſſor of a Gallery-Pew or Pews.

V. That whatever Pew ſhall be left vacant, after the preceding Rules have been obſerved, it ſhall be offered to thoſe Perſons, whoſe Names ſhall be found entered in the Pew-Book by the Direction of this Board,

as

as having applied for Pews, according to the Order of Time, in which such Application and Entry was made.

VI. That all Poſſeſſors of Pews or Galleries, who ſhall be deſirous to exchange them for other Pews or Galleries, are to make their Requeſts to this Veſtry for that Purpoſe, which Requeſts are to be ſignified, from Time to Time, either verbally or in Writing to the Veſtry Clerk for the Time being, who ſhall communicate the ſame to the next Board of Veſtry: And in caſe any Perſon, after having had one Exchange, ſhall be deſirous to have any further Exchange or Exchanges, that then new Requeſts are to be made by ſuch Perſon for ſuch further Exchanges.

VII. That Notice be given to each of the preſent Poſſeſſors, and to every future Poſſeſſor of Pews and Galleries, of the Requeſts neceſſary to be made to the Veſtry for exchaning of Pews or Galleries, in purſuance of the foregoing Rules.

That

That where the Widow, or the Son of any Perſon, dying poſſeſſed of a Pew, ſhall deſire to ſucceed to it, (being an Inhabitant of this Pariſh) ſuch Deſire ſhall be granted; and if both the Widow and the Son ſhall make ſuch Requeſt, the Widow ſhall be preferred: But this Indulgence ſhall not be granted Twice together to the ſame Family. VIII.

That Perſons who have Once been Poſſeſſors of Pews, and afterwards ceaſe to be ſo, ſhall have no Preference on account of their former Poſſeſſion. IX.

That no Pew, nor ſingle Place or Places, ſhall be granted to any Perſon that is not a Houſe-keeper, paying all Parochial Duties, and who, upon Inquiry, ſhall firſt declare, that he propoſes to take it, or them, *bona fide*, for his own Uſe, and not for the Uſe of any other Perſon: And no Perſon ſhall be allowed to have more than One Pew, excepting for his Servants. X.

That the Church-Wardens ſhall obſerve all the abovementioned Rules, XI.

Rules, in the Diſpoſal of ſingle Places in Pews, and ſhall for that Purpoſe, bring to every Meeting of Veſtry, the Names of ſuch Perſons, as have applied to them ſince the preceding Veſtry, to be entered on the Liſt; and ſhall take Care that they be then and there entered accordingly.

XII. That a Book, with Twelve Columns ruled, be provided and kept for the Entry of all Claims for Pews or Places in the Church.

XIII. That no Entries, either for Pews or Places, be made in that Book, but in the Veſtry.

XIV. That all Applications for Pews or Places be in Writing, with the Name and Date annexed; and that the Church-Wardens bring to every Veſtry ſuch Letters of Application, and ſee thoſe Claims entered in the Book according to their reſpective Dates.

XV. That the Rents of the Pews and Galleries be duly gathered for the Year to come, according to the eſta-

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bliſhed Cuſtom, at the Entrance upon every Quarter.

That the Receipts or Orders be properly ſigned and delivered to the Collector, and the Rents received within One Month after the Quarter from which the Year begins, if the Tenants of thoſe Pews or Places be then in Town. XVI.

That at the End of the Year, when the Church-Warden gives up his Accounts, a diſtinct Report be made by him of the Arrears unpaid, and of the Pews and Places undiſpoſed of at the Time of his quitting his Office. XVII.

RULES *and* ORDERS *relating to the Office of Church-Warden; viz.*

WHEREAS, the Expence charged by the Church-Wardens of this Parish for Entertainments upon Feſtival Days, was formerly thought too large; and the

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Board, in order to reſtrain the ſame, had reduced it to the ſum of £. 5. to be allowed to the Senior Church-Warden of this Pariſh for an Entertainment upon the King's Birth-Day only: And whereas, Complaint had been frequently made, that the ſaid Sum was too ſcanty, and that the Church-Warden was uſually put to a conſiderable perſonal Expence on that account.

It was therefore Reſolved, That the ſaid Allowance be enlarged to the Sum of £. 10: **And** that no Church-Warden of this Pariſh ſhall, for the future, have any further Allowance than the ſaid Sum of £. 10. in Conſideration of his Expences whilſt he continues in the Office of Church-Warden.

Reſolved and Ordered, That no Church-Warden ſhall for the future make any Treat or any Entertainment at the Charge of this Pariſh (except as is abovementioned.)

Reſolved and Ordered, That no Church-Warden be allowed any Expences upon Pariſh Buſineſs, excepting

cepting ſuch as this Board, after a particular Account of the ſame laid before them, ſhall judge to be abſolutely neceſſary and unavoidable.

Reſolved and Ordered, That no Church-Warden lay out any Pariſh Money otherwiſe than for the uſual Services of the Year, or ſmall Matters not exceeding 40*s.* till he hath conſulted this Board, and received their Directions.

Reſolved and Ordered, That no Money expended on Account of either of the Chapels, be brought into the Church-Wardens Accounts.

Reſolved and Ordered, That no Wine be uſed in the Veſtries either of the Church, or *Berwick Street* Chapel, unleſs when the Preacher ſhall deſire it for his own Refreſhment.

Reſolved, That the Rewards given by Law to Fire Engines, and the neceſſary Expences about them, and Fire Plugs, be paid from Time to Time by the Church-Warden, who

is to keep a ſeparate Account thereof: And that the Total of his Diſburſements, on the before-mentioned Account, be repaid him out of the Poors Rate, when he goes out of Office, purſuant to the Act of Parliament for that Purpoſe.

Reſolved, That the Overſeers of the Poor continue to pay the uſual Fee of One Shilling to the Church-Warden, for the Ground, for each poor Perſon that ſhall be buried in the Upper Burial Ground belonging to this Pariſh.

Ordered, That the uſual Fee of Five Guineas for laying a Grave Stone, and of Two Guineas and a Half for placing a Head Stone, in the Church or Church Yard, be paid to the Church-Warden: And that he bring the ſame to Account.

RULES *and* ORDERS *relative to the Time and Manner of paſſing the Church-Wardens Accounts; viz.*

THE Veſtry being of Opinion, That it will be for the Advantage of the Pariſh that the Senior Church-Warden for the Time being ſhould with all convenient Speed, after the Expiration of his Office, make up his Accounts, in order to their being examined and paſſed in Veſtry, as the Law requires; It was

Reſolved and Ordered, That every Senior Church-Warden of this Pariſh ſhall, immediately after the Expiration of his Office, prepare a true and perfect State of his Accounts, as ſuch Church-warden, ſo as the ſame may be ready to be examined at a Veſtry to be held for that Purpoſe on or before the 12th Day of *June* next after the Expiration of his Office:

fice: And, in order to avoid any Cauſe for delaying the Preparation of ſuch Accounts in Manner aforeſaid,

It was further Reſolved and Ordered, That the Accounts of every ſuch Senior Church-Warden ſhall conſiſt of ſuch Articles only of Monies received and paid by him, as he ſhall have actually received and paid, as ſuch Church-Warden, during the Continuance of his Office: And that no Monies due or payable for the Rents and Profits of Pews or Galleries, on and from the 25th Day of *March* next preceding the Expiration of the Office of ſuch reſpective Senior Church-Warden, ſhall be received or accounted for by him; but the ſame ſhall be received and accounted for by the next ſucceeding Senior Church-Warden of this Pariſh.

Reſolved, That the foregoing Orders and Reſolutions be forthwith printed: And that a Copy thereof, atteſted by the Veſtry Clerk, be delivered to every Church-Warden, as ſoon as he is confirmed in his Office:

And

And that ſo much thereof as relates to the Church-Wardens Accounts of Receipts and Payments, be read over aloud in every Veſtry, or Committee of Veſtry, who ſhall examine any Church-Wardens Accounts, immediately before ſuch Examination.

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